



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**PHARMACY MONTH**  
OCTOBER 2004

**WHEREAS**, pharmacy is one of the oldest and most trusted healthcare professions, focused on improving the quality of life for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, modern medicines have extended lives and given many hope for maintaining healthier life styles, but these medication miracles require greater attention to proper use through the expertise of pharmacists who are medication experts; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's 758 licensed pharmacists deliver services that ensure safe and cost-effective use of all medications; and

**WHEREAS**, with the rising cost of healthcare today, the efforts of North Dakota's pharmacists are a major force in cost reduction through medication therapies as an alternative to more expensive chronic and acute care options; and

**WHEREAS**, pharmacy professionals make it possible for North Dakotans to take greater responsibility for improving their own health and lowering overall healthcare costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Pharmacists Association, in partnership with all national pharmacist organizations, recognize pharmacists and the important contributions they make to our lives and our future; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2004, **PHARMACY MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State